Imported coal received by SAIL plants

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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of imported coal received by steel plants of SAIL during the last six months, plant-wise;

(b) the percentage of imported coal used in the above plants, plant-wise;

(c) the quantity of imported coal despatched to IISCO during the same period; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and its impact on production capacity of IISCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The Plant-wise quantity of imported coal supplied to SAIL plants during the last six months (February to July '01) has been as follows:—

(Million tonnes)

PLANT	BSP	DSP	RSP	BSL
IMPORTED COAL SUPPLIES	1.28	0.43	0.38	0.92

(b) The plant-wise percentage of imported coking coal during last six months [Feb. to July' 01] has been as follows:

PLANT	BSP	DSP	RSP	BSL
IMPORTED COAL USAGE [%]	67	46	44	47

(c) No imported coal was supplied to IISCO during last six months.

(d) No supply of imported coal to IISCO has been made during this period mainly due to:

(a) Reduction in the usage of imported coal at all the plants as a cost reduction measure; and

(b) The fact that the impact of imported coal on operating parameters and productivity is negligible at Blast furnaces of IISCO.